trictive and monopolistic trade practice enquiries instituted and disposed off by the MRTP commission during last three years is as under :—

Year	Restrictive Trade practice enquiries		Monopolistic Trade practice enquiries	
	Instituted	*Disposed off*	*Instituted*	*Disposed off*
1990	131	161	—	—
1991	55	296	—	—
1992	151	75	5	2

Details of enquiries relating to restrictive trade practice which has the effect of manipulation of prices are not maintained separately by the MRTP Commission. Compilation of such details, including the final conclusion, will be a voluminous task and the time and labour involved in doing so will not be commensurate with results achieved.

Legislation on electoral reforms

1001. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any move to move legislation on Matters concerning electoral reforms in this session ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission been pressing for a De-limitation Commission ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAI): (a) No, Sir (b) and (c) The Election Commission in Ferbuary, 1992 had recommended for amendment of the Constitution to provide for fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of 1991 census without affecting the total number of seats allocated to various States on the basis of 1971 census. The Constitution (Seventy-first Amendment) Bill, 1990 which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha and pending for consideration in Lok Sabha already seeks to make changes in the Constitution as suggested by the Election Commission. A legislation for providing for a Delimitation Commission can be brought forward only after the aforesaid Constitution amendment becomes an Act.

Foreign Affiliates of Indian Companies

1002. SHRI ASHOK MITRA : Will the Minister of LAW,, JUSTICE, AND COMPANY AFFAIRS,be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian companies in which foreign affiliates have increased their share-holding since July 1991 through 'special rights issues' ;

(b) the terms of sucfa special rights issues Vis-a-Vis the terms offered to other shareholders; and

(c) whether such special rights issues conform to the principle of equity as between shareholders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and The details of Indian Companies in which their foreign affiliates have been permitted to raise foreign equity during the period from August, 1991 to September, 1993 are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No 24]

(b) and (c) Sub-section (IA) of Section 81 of the Companies Act, 1956, *inter-alia*, empowers a public company to offer further shares to any person (whether existing .member or any. other person), in any manner whatsoever, if a special resolution to that effect is passed by the company

in general meeting. The information relating to the terms of such issues, *Vis-a-Vis* the terms of issue to other shareholders is not available, as the same is not centrally complied.

Israeli Request for Solar Devices

1003. SHRI SH1V PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has sought supplies of solar cells and solar photovoltaic modules from India ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether an sraeli renewable energy delegation visited India in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the details of the talks held and the action taken on Israel request ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A 5 member Israeli delegation headed by the Director-General, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Israel visited India from November 1—5, 1993 for discussions on possibilities of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the field renewable energy. It was concluded that opportunities existed for enhancing cooperation between the countires for undertaking joint activities covering research, demonstration, industrial and commercial collaborations in the field of solar energy. The Israeli delegation, impressed by the progress made by India in the field of photovoltaics has expressed interest in receiving detailed information on photovoltoic equipment including solar cells, modules, etc. developed and manufactured in India. The Israeli side has been provided with information about Indian companies in this field. No specific request has been received from Israeli side for supplies of solar cell and modeuls.

Setting up of Tidal Energy Project in the Golf of Kutch

1004. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up 900 MW tidal energy project in the Gulf of Kutch (Gujarat);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that France has shown interest to provide technical collaboration for the proposed project;

(d) if so, ghe details thereof ; and

(e) the time by which the energy project is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) After detailed investigations and studies, a techno-economic feasibility report has been prepared for a 900 MW Tidal Power Project in Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat. The project invisages an expenditure of about Rs. 6,000 crores. However, Central Electricity Authority is yet to clear the project techno-economically.

(c) and (d) Electricity-De-France (EDF), Paris, an expert body on tidal power, has been operating a 240 MW Tidal Power Project since 1966. EDF has shown interest in providing technical collabora tion to Tndia for updating the project report and commissioning of the proposed tidal power plant at Gulf of Kutch.

(e) The Government is in favour of early implementation of this project. However, a final view on its setting will be taken after the CEA has cleared the project techno-economically and the project report has been updated.